

Planning, Programming & Budgeting - DD/S&T

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Memo to EO/DDS&T [] from [] Ch/PPS STAT
Recommending adding [] to PPS at GS-12 to 14 level STAT
to give more orderly and in-depth capability for
performance of functions placed on PPS due to:

Spring 1966 the Bureau of the Budget imposed on the Agency the DOD-style PPBS cycle thus adding a major responsibility to the PPS. Necessitated PPS becoming more involved in the details of various Offices' ~~budgeting~~ preparation of 5-year programs and cost estimates and defining of goals.

Previously the PPS role in the Agency budgetary cycle was largely that of consolidation and monitoring. Office estimates were consolidated into Directorate estimate. Monitoring involved (1) gathering obligation information from the Offices to keep the DDS&T and the EO periodically apprised of the status of funds with emphasis on timely commitment of contract funds and flagging potential problem areas and (2) reviewing contract proposals for DDS&T to ascertain the adequacy of justification, to confirm availability of funds, and check general consistency of proposals with Directorate objectives and requirements. PPS also responsible for arranging program reviews by DDS&T and follow-up actions thereto.

Looking toward FY 1967 recommended (1) defining more clear-cut and responsive planning-programming-budgeting mechanism within each of the DDS&T Offices; making one senior officer (not the EXO) in each Office responsible for ~~xxxxxxx~~ this work; (2) periodic meetings to air new ideas and proposals, discuss mutual problems, among these planning programmers; (3) establishment of comprehensive and regular flow of necessary data on program and budgetary progress (computer contract listings should be an essential part of program status reports).